

IN THE CLAIMS

1- 59. (Cancelled)

60. A biometric identification method, comprising:
receiving a biometric sample from an individual;
locating a set of registration biometric samples, the registration biometric samples provided by at least two registered individuals;
comparing the received biometric sample with at least one of the currently stored registration biometric samples in the set of currently stored registration biometric samples to find a match; and
transmitting a confirmation of the match.

61. The identification method of claim 60, wherein the method further comprises receiving a personal identification code from the user.

62. The identification method of claim 61, wherein locating a set of currently stored registration biometric samples includes locating the set of currently stored registration biometric samples associated with the personal identification code.

63. The identification method of claim 60, further comprising:
receiving a new registration biometric sample for the individual during a registration step;
and
storing the new registration biometric sample in the set of currently stored registration biometric samples.

64. The identification method of claim 63, further comprising receiving a registration personal identification code for the individual.

65. The identification method of claim 64, wherein storing the new registration biometric sample includes storing the new registration biometric sample in the set of currently stored registration biometric samples associated with the registration personal identification code.

66. The identification method of claim 60, wherein the identification method is conducted without the user presenting any smartcards or magnetic swipe cards.

67. A biometric identification method, comprising:
receiving a user's biometric sample via a connection;
locating a set of registration biometric samples, the registration biometric samples provided by at least two registered individuals;
comparing the user's biometric sample with a subset of a set of registration biometric samples to produce an evaluation; and
transmitting the evaluation.

68. The identification method of claim 67, further comprising receiving a user's personal identification code via the connection.

69. The identification method of claim 67, wherein each of the registered biometrics is associated with a personal identification code.

70. The identification method of claim 69 wherein:
the method further comprises receiving a user's personal identification code via the connection; and
comparing the user's biometric sample includes comparing the user's biometric sample with a subset of the registered biometrics associated with the user's personal identification code to produce the evaluation.